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**Attached please find a copy of the Request for Continued Examination which was  
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references filed with the RCE.**

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## Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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First Named Inventor: Loder, Harry A.

Application No.: 09/992212

Group Art Unit: 2874

Filed: November 6, 2001

Examiner: Sung H. Pak

Title: Apparatus and Method for Controlling the Bend Radius of an Optical Fiber Cable

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv. ☐ Other

2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

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First Named Inventor: LODER, HARRY A.

Case No.: 55243US019

Application No.: 09/992212

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE BEND  
RADIUS OF AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE

## Enclosures:

Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and  
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